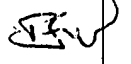


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This response is being filed under the Two-Month Rule on October 3, 2006, i.e., prior to October 17, 2006.

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